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Consolidated Report to the AA
Office of Land and Emergency Management
Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery
for the Weeks of 5/9/16 – 5/20/16

Informational/No Action

RD&D Rule

- On April 29th, the Revision to the Research, Development and Demonstration Permits Rule for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Final Rule was signed. This final rule would allow Directors of approved states to increase the number of three-year permit renewals from three to six, for a total permit term of 21 years.

Proposed Pharmaceuticals Rule

- On May 17th, ORCR staff will meet with CVS Pharmacy and their outside counsel to hear about their concerns with the hazardous waste pharmaceuticals proposed rule.

Food Waste

- On May 11, ORCR will participate in and support Stan Meiburg in the Keystone Policy Center (Keystone) and the National Consumer League (NCL) co-hosted a one-day summit on consumer engagement related to food waste. As part of EPA's and USDA's engagement to achieve the national 2030 Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal (2030 FLW Reduction Goal), ORCR will look for ways to better engage consumers on wasted food.
- On May 18th, ORCR will participate in and support Stan Meiburg at a Feedback/EPA co-sponsored event called "Feeding the 5000." The event seeks to educate the public on food waste reduction. ORCR will operate a booth with educational opportunities related to honeybees, composting, and reducing household food waste.

Explosives

- On May 4th, the ORCR Explosives Disposal Alternatives Team (EDAT) met with a representative from the manufacturer of the DAVINCH (Detonation of Ammunition in a Vacuum Integrated Chamber) treatment system, which provides alternative treatment technology for hazardous waste explosives and certain pyrotechnics. The information presented will aid the team in its efforts to identify and evaluate proven alternative treatment technologies that may help minimize the practice of open burning and open detonation.

Tire Crumb

- On May 16, a group of EPA staff and managers from ORCR and ORD- as well as members of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Centers for Disease Control - will be visiting the [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]

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This visit is in support of the multi-agency research action plan on the use of tire crumb on playing fields and playgrounds (www.epa.gov/tirecrumb). The purpose of the visit is to observe and learn about the tire crumb manufacturing process and provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions about the source and variability of tires, different processing technologies, and other variability in the tire properties.

Electronics

- On May 10, Nicole Villamizar will provide a brief overview (via webinar) of the findings and recommendations of *EPA's Implementation Study of the R2 and E-Stewards Electronics Recycling Standards* at the Region 5 and 7 states meeting on electronics. The day-long meeting, which was coordinated by EPA Region 5, also will address other electronics topics and issues of interest to the Region 5 and 7 states, including CRTs.

Speaking Engagements in the next 60 days

- On May 9th, Barnes Johnson will speak at the ORCHSE, an industrial environmental, health, and safety trade group, quarterly stakeholder meeting on e-waste and SMM (in Washington, DC).
- (NEW) On May 18, ORCR will present at the DC Department of Public Works and Department of Energy and Environment's "Organics Summit." The summit will bring together community leaders and DC employees to gain a better understanding of the opportunities and benefits of reducing organic waste, demonstrate DC's support for EPA and USDA's 2030 food loss and waste goal, and celebrate the launch of the District's Food Policy Council. ORCR will be brief the Summit attendees on EPA's work in the field of sustainable food management and the 2030 goal.
- (UPDATED) On May 11-12, ORCR will be speaking at the Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) mid-year meeting at National Harbor, MD regarding EPA's ongoing efforts to address the retail sector.
- (NEW) On May 26th, ORCR will provide an overview of the hazardous waste pharmaceuticals proposed rule via a webcast to the Retail Waste Workgroup, convened by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.
- From May 30 – June 2, ORCR will participate in the Basel Open-Ended Working Group meeting being held in Nairobi, Kenya. Topics include terminology issues (e.g. waste vs. non-waste and hazardous vs. non-haz), environmentally sound management guidelines, persistent organic pollutants (POPs), environmentally sound management of household waste, management of ship waste off-loaded at ports, waste prevention, and technical guidelines for e-waste.
- On June 6th in Las Vegas, Barnes Johnson will participate in a recycling panel at the Investor Summit at WasteExpo.
- (NEW) On June 14th, ORCR will present at the Massachusetts Northeast Waste Management Official's Association (NEWMOA) annual meeting on and provide updates on major rulemaking efforts and other key topics form ORCR.
- On June 15th, ORCR will give training on the Definition of Solid Waste and Solvent-Contaminated Wipes to EPA Region 6 and Region 6 states as part of the Region 6 RCRA Inspector/Enforcement Officer Training Workshop in Dallas, TX.
- (NEW) From June 15-16, Barnes Johnson and ORCR staff will attend the Region 5 States Meeting in Chicago, IL. The agenda is forthcoming.
- (NEW) One June 27th, Barnes Johnson will present at the SWANA Executive Forum in Scottsdale, AZ. His presentation will provide an overview and opportunity for discussion regarding EPA's continuing efforts in the materials and waste management arena. There will be a particular focus on EPA's efforts to encourage Sustainable Materials Management, an update and review of progress on EPA's key regulatory, policy and guidance efforts and a discussion of EPA's views on topical and emerging materials and waste management issues.

- (NEW) On June 28th, ORCR will provide an overview of the hazardous waste pharmaceuticals proposed rule and the generator improvements proposed rule at the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) Inspectors Workshop, in Trenton, NJ.
- (NEW) On June 28-29, ORCR will attend Harvard Law School and EPA Region 1's "Reduce and Recover: Save Food for People" conference. The conference will convene entrepreneurs, practitioners, policymakers, and enthusiasts to further a public dialogue on reaching the 2030 food loss and waste reduction goal. The conference will focus on the top two priorities in EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy: "source reduction" and "feed hungry people."

Public Announcements in the next 60 days

- (UPDATED) In late April/early May, ORCR expects the publication of the Revision to the Research, Development and Demonstration Permits Rule for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Final Rule. This final rule would allow Directors of approved states to increase the number of three-year permit renewals from three to six, for a total permit term of 21 years.
- (Updated) In early May, OLEM and OECA anticipate responding to the Office of Inspector General's report, entitled *Management Alert: Significant Data Quality Deficiencies Impede EPA's Ability to Ensure Companies Can Pay for Cleanups*. This Agency response will be posted to the OIG public website.
- In May, ORCR plans to finalize its strategy for addressing the retail sector by posting it on our website and sharing it with stakeholders.
- In May, EPA expects to publish a draft approval for public comment for one member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) authorizing disposal options for low-level PCB remediation waste. This draft approval is similar to approvals issued to NRECA members on February 9, 2016. The draft approval will be available for public comment for 30 days.
- On May 17th, ORCR will host a public webinar on the CERCLA section 108(b) Hard Rock Mining Proposed Rulemaking. The webinar will provide an update on the Agency's progress in developing the rule and describe the Agency's current thinking on the key aspects of the rule described in the Agency's previously presented regulatory framework. In mid-June, ORCR anticipates the publication of the e-Manifest Fee Rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR). This proposed rule would announce for public comment EPA's proposed methodology for setting and revising user fees that users of manifests would pay to offset EPA's costs in developing and operating the new national e-Manifest system that the Agency plans to roll out in the spring of 2018. The proposed rule will discuss which users and transactions would be subject to fees, the formula and process EPA would use to set and revise fee schedules, how users could make their fee payments, and proposed sanctions to induce prompt payment of fees by users.
- In late May/early June, ORCR anticipates releasing the *Methodology for Evaluating the Beneficial Use of Industrial Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials* ("secondary materials") completed in April, and the *Beneficial Use Compendium: A Collection of Resources and Tools to Support Beneficial Use Evaluations* by posting them on our website and sharing them with stakeholders. These two documents are intended to assist states, local governments, tribal authorities, regulated communities, and the general public with evaluating the environmental and human health impacts associated with the beneficial use of secondary materials. The Methodology provides an overarching process that can be used to evaluate a wide range of secondary materials and associated encapsulated and unencapsulated beneficial uses, while the Compendium provides a more detailed discussion of specific technical considerations and lists specific resources and tools, such as models and screening benchmarks, to further assist with evaluations.

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